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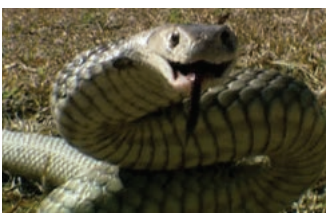
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## Proposed changes to zoning may force students to relocate

BY **Brooke Williams**

There was awkward silence as GCSU students filed into the room on the second floor of City Hall for the Sept. 12, city council meeting. Despite weak attendance from students at previous meetings, there was no shortage at this meeting, causing some raised eyebrows and hushed whispers from the many of the long-term residents of Milledgeville in attendance. Their main concern at the meeting was the discussion of a new ordinance that would limit the number of non-family members living in single-family housing. If the ordinance were passed, students would no longer

be able to live in a majority of historical district residences, or, in clearer terms, most of the apartments that are within walking distance of GCSU. The students' main objective for the meeting was to discuss getting a five-year extension before city council enforce the ordinance in order to at least give students time to find other housing and not immediately be forced to move out of their apartments. The meeting only allowed for the reading of the new ordinance but the students were able to talk to some of the council members after adjournment about their concerns with the ordinance. The majority of students that attended the meeting are members of a new club at GCSU,

called the Student Political Movement. "We are here to represent the students," said senior Will Thompson, creator and leader of the organization. "There are about 5,400 students at GCSU, when you add in GMC students, that is a significant amount of the population that will be affected; students need to be concerned; they need to realize they can do something about this." Steve Chambers, member of the Milledgeville City Council, said that the council is not acting against students.

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## Bobcats dominate



Photo by Brett McLaughlin  
Mary Byrne, a sophomore, during a game against Lander University. The Lady Bobcats won the game five points to zero, with freshman Lyric Burnett scoring three of the goals in her first eight minutes.

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## Bipartisan system a problem in US, two former congressmen say

BY **Kyle Dominy**

Our first president, George Washington, strongly opposed the creation of political parties. Looking back now, with our rigidly divided nation full of states color-coded red or blue, maybe he was right. "Bipartisanship has fallen apart in this country," said Dan Miller (R), a former congressional representative from Florida. "Partisanship is not a pretty sight, and I think it's going to be a key factor in the 2008 Election." On Wednesday, 13 students had the opportunity to discuss partisanship in America with two experienced congressmen in an open floor question and answer session in the Magnolia Ballroom. Miller and Jim

Lloyd (D), former California Representative, answered students' questions and gave their opinions of the state of America's political system. Lloyd agreed that divided political parties are bad for the nation's progress. "It's very bad. There isn't anything else to say. Back when I was in Congress we had a good rapport on both sides of the aisle,

with Democrats and Republicans," he said. While both congressmen said that partisanship is negative, Miller said that part of the problem came from the primary elections system. He said that it was usually the most conservative or the most liberal people who vote in the primaries and they usually elect the most conservative and the most liberal candidates. Miller went on to say that he believed Americans would vote for the most moderate candidate available in the presidential general election, so the party with the most moderate candidate is a sure win in 2008.



Photo by Brittany Thomas  
Jim Lloyd (D), former Congressman from California, spoke about how political parties need to learn to compromise.

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Photo by Shelley Watson  
Sophomore John McClarty is kneeling down to pet a dog while volunteering at the Animal Rescue Foundation.

## Students aid pets in need with ARF

BY **Sarah Ver Steeg**

The Animal Rescue Foundation has been the local humane society since 1983, and is currently home to nine lively dogs and 38 charismatic cats. And, it is a great place for students to volunteer. "We take really good care of them and we have certain criteria for adoption," said Bobbie Thompson, ARF president and founder. ARF takes in animals from the community and tries to find homes for them. Thompson added that most students start off volunteering at ARF because of a class service learning assignment. Some continue because they enjoy it. "We're one of the organizations that encourages and invites students," Thompson said. One class Thompson mentioned was Dr. Rob Viau's honors utopia/dystopia class. Some students from Dr. Harriett Whipple's biology class have expressed interest in volunteering as well. Thompson said typical volunteer work at ARF includes walking dogs and socializing cats.

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## City aims to slow down fast traffic

BY **Kyle Dominy**

We've all had this experience: On a sunny afternoon, you walk up to one of the public cross walks around campus. Not the protected cross walks at traffic lights, but the ones in the middle of the road with the big yellow signs. After a quick glance on both sides, you step out in the street. Then out of nowhere you hear the screeching of tires and the smell of burnt rubber. You almost were ran over. There are a few students who would like to see drivers slow down. "I do feel endangered while crossing the street sometimes," said Matt Scott, a senior accounting major. "Safety should always come first." A new city ordinance, ordinance O-0608-023, which passed in the City Council on Tuesday, Sept 12, allows for the installation of speed bumps on city streets. The ordinance was passed after a previous council had passed an ordinance outlawing speed breakers.

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# Kappa Alpha temporarily suspended by Campus Life

BY David Arnold

Milledgeville Police and GCSU Public Safety arrested six freshmen at a party hosted by Kappa Alpha Order at 341 Doles Blvd., on Thursday, Aug. 25 for drinking underage, according to police report.

MPD and GCSU Public Safety arrived at the party around 12:55 a.m. Upon arrival, they saw many subjects who looked underage and were drinking alcohol. After checking identification, officers found several subjects to be drinking under the age of 21. Six freshmen were arrested along with two residents of the house who admitted to hosting the party and providing alcohol to minors.

Jimmy Viebrock, president of Kappa Alpha Order, was very honest when commenting on the dispersed party. He said that the party was a memorial for Mike Weaver, a former member of Kappa Alpha Order who died several years ago.

When asked if this party was an official Kappa Alpha Order event, Viebrock's answer was simple. "No".

The administration saw

this event a little differently.

"You have the (fraternity) officers present, the event which is surrounding someone who was a member," said Tom Miles, director of Campus Life. "So it is sufficed to say... the preponderance of evidence shows that it was a (Kappa Alpha Order) event," said Tom Miles, the

"We have nothing to justify. We were in the wrong, and we got caught".

- Jimmy Viebrock, president of the Kappa Alpha Order

director of campus life.

Miles said that he has put the Kappa Alpha Order on "temporary suspension" until the Greek Judicial Board can hold a hearing over the matter and decide upon appropriate sanctions.

"Greek Judicial Board will make a recommendation to the dean of student affairs," Miles said. He stressed the importance of peer review, and that the

administration takes any recommendation from the Greek Judicial Board very seriously.

According to the Student Handbook, the Greek Judicial Board "...shall consist of five student members and two non-voting faculty advisers." Its purpose is to maintain a peer review process in all judiciary matters of Greek Life on campus.

Possible sanctions could be as light as a reprimand and as heavy as suspension from the campus for three years or outright expulsion from the college.

"We have nothing to justify," Viebrock said in regards to the party. "We were in the wrong, and we got caught".

Viebrock said that the Kappa Alpha Order plans to hold an alcohol awareness event on campus, with the focus on students and the dangers of drinking. He hopes that this form of community service will help his fraternity's public relations with the school and the city.

"Hopefully this semester we can make good with our reputation and the community," he said.

# Council:

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"We're not anti-student," Chambers said. "We're pro-quality of life for students, residents and everybody."

Chambers went on to say that the ordinance itself is not against students; however, it was probably started by complaints about students' actions. Also, the ordinance will help protect parts of the downtown area from being turned into apartments.

Another concern of the council was keeping down the number of out-of-town renters who might not be concerned with the appearance of the property.

Getting students involved in local government is one of the main purposes of the Student Political Movement. The club that began as a Facebook group called "Isn't It Ironic?" is now an established student organization that is getting larger every day.

"Right now we are working on a website where people can have forums to discuss things and be able to gather information," Thompson said. "Until that happens we are just using the Facebook group. We have a good 500 people that we send information to about once every two weeks about what is going on."

The new website will be at [www.millyvegas.com](http://www.millyvegas.com) and is still under construction, but there is already some information up about the single-family housing ordinance as well as a re-zoning issue that took place last spring semester. The main communication for the organization is currently the "Isn't It Ironic?" group on Facebook, where students can read more about issues and meetings and post messages concerning issues they might have with the local government.



Graphic by Will Godfrey and Brittany Thomas  
The Student Political Movement can be found online at [www.millyvegas.com](http://www.millyvegas.com) and on Facebook as the group "Isn't it ironic?"

Thompson further describes the purpose of the organization on the Facebook group site.

"This group is not a zealot group out to try to change Milledgeville

through non-respectable measures," Thompson said. "We hope to facilitate a positive bond between the Milledgeville and Baldwin County governments and the student population, so as to ensure that students can feel as if they are a part of this community."

The next city council meeting will be Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Information contributed by Kyle Dominy

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# Speed:

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"We've been being bombarded with speeding vehicles in all areas of the city," said Ken Morgan, member of the Milledgeville City Council. "We only have so many police officers, and with that in mind, we've got to have something else to aid in speed control" and this is the option that the city is taking."

Morgan said the ordinance was passed mainly for residential areas, but that it pertained to all city streets and that it would be useful in slowing down traffic and aiding in pedestrian safety.

Ken Vance, also a member of the Milledgeville City Council and director of GCSU Public Safety, said he thinks that speed bumps are a good option for the city.

"I think in places it is a viable option. In traffic control devices you want

options," Vance said. "This [ordinance] gave us the ability to use speed breakers as a traffic control option and set up the process where-by you can go about getting speed breakers in certain areas."

Milledgeville residents, including students, now have the option to petition the council to have speed bumps installed to help aid in safety. Clarke and Wilkinson Streets are the only two streets that fall under the ordinance that affect the university because they are the only two streets around the university that are maintained by the city. Hancock and Montgomery Streets belong to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

"Those two major arteries that directly affect the college, it can't be done on those because they are on the State Highway System," Vance said.

Before any action is taken, though, the city will thoroughly investigate.

"You have to look at

what's causing the problem. Is it a safety issue, is it a speed issue or is it a combination of speed and safety? You have to look at the totality of the picture," Vance said.

Also, if the city does not see the problem with a petitioned street, then it can reject a petition for a speed bump.

"We would go back and look at problem areas," Morgan said. "If you've got everything in place – that is, speed control minus a speed breaker – then the city may opt not do it."

Students have mixed emotions about having speed bumps installed in the city.

"They don't need speed bumps," said Lashonta Atkinson, a senior English major. "The lights stop you and that's enough."

Ashley Harp, a senior pre-mass communication major, has no problem with the installation of speed bumps.

"Where I live, we have a lot of them," Harp said. "So I think it's okay."



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# Future Bell Hall residents ready for upcoming move

BY **Brian Farrell**

The \$6.5 million renovation of Bell Hall that began in the spring of 2005 is finally complete, except for a few minor finishing touches (such as plasma televisions in the basement). Students will begin moving in Friday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m., said Dr. Paul Jahr, director of University Housing.

“All of the feedback we’ve been getting from the tours has been extremely positive,” said Jahr. “Especially from people who lived there before the renovation.”

Geoffrey Carroll, a 2004 resident, remembers what the building was like before renovations.

“That place was a dump,” Carroll said. “I

remember exposed piping, coil heaters and jailhouse bathrooms.”

The Bell Hall of 2006 features new carpet, paint, trim, elevators, drywall and furniture. The bathrooms have been completely refinished and many feature twin sinks, large showers and separate private toilet rooms. On the bottom level there is now a patio, a game room, with brand new pool tables, and a full kitchen, complete with stainless steel appliances. Each floor has laundry rooms and each resident’s room has new lighting fixtures and heating/air units. There is even an Internet lounge on the top floor adjacent to the front balcony.

“I’m definitely excited about living here,” said freshman Courtney

Patterson. “It’s nicer than Bobcat and I don’t have to take the shuttle.”

The best thing about Bell Hall has always been its location on campus. Residents frequently stumble out the front door a mere five minutes before class time and still get there early. Even when Bell wasn’t so nice, it still had its own unique charm, which seems to have survived the demolition.

“It’s a historic building downtown and it’s 30 feet from A&S,” said James Odom, tour guide and future resident assistant. “You can’t beat it.”

Tours of the new facility are open now to future residents, and students who are interested can contact University Housing at 445-5160.

# Congress:

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Lloyd, on the other hand, said that the political parties need to be more unified and be able to compromise.

Miller served in Congress from 1992 to 2003. He holds a doctorate in marketing and statistics from Louisiana State University and teaches at the University of South Florida in Sarasota, Fla.

Lloyd was in Congress for three terms starting in 1974, on top of serving in the U.S. Navy as an enlisted man, an officer and a Naval aviator. Also, during

the Cuban Missile Crisis, Lloyd was the director of public affairs and Cold War activities at the naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The students at the meeting were very responsive to the Congressmen. Some left with a better understanding of our governmental system, like Lindsey Donahoo, a freshman with an undecided major.

“I thought it was really good,” Donahoo said. “I don’t know anything about politics, so it was nice to learn a little something.”

Some students, however, heard what they were expecting to hear.

“I enjoyed it; it was good, but it reinforced what I already thought,” said

Will Thompson, senior advisor to the Student Political Movement.

Gregg Kaufman, director of the Coverdell Institute, said that he had received very good feedback from the students.

“A student came up (to me) and was so thankful that she was able to ask questions,” Kaufman said.

Kaufman also said that he enjoyed the program just as much.

“I thought it was fantastic,” he said. “These two congressmen have been delightful. They served in two completely different eras of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and they have really interesting perspectives.”



Miller



Lloyd



Photo by Will Godfrey

Residents will be able to begin to move into Bell Hall starting on Sept. 29. Bell is the last residence hall to be renovated.

# ARF:

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“Sometimes they will do a little bit of dirty work, like keeping the cages clean. They’ve even done a little bit of paperwork,” Thompson said.

ARF wants university students to volunteer at ARF, but not to adopt. A new adoption policy is in place that requires a potential new parent to be at least 21. She said they are even wary of 21-year-olds if they are in school.

“We have to feel like you’re settled down,” Thompson said.

The reason is that in the past, college students have proven to be irresponsible parents to pets. Thompson said that the college lifestyle is not good for a pet because of the irregular schedules that most students keep. Also, many leave town for the weekend or on holidays and do not

arrange for proper care of their animals while they are away.

Having a pet is a big responsibility, and the college lifestyle often doesn’t allow for a good relationship with a companion animal.

“We love having the students here; we need these animals socialized,” Thompson said. “We encourage them to come in and work with us and get their pet fix. They can have fun without the financial and physical responsibility of having them.”

Lashaundra Pierce, a sophomore biology major, has been volunteering at ARF for one year. She came to ARF because she was in Dr. Viau’s utopia/dystopia class last fall, and it required service learning hours. Now, she said she works there for fun and because she is needed.

“I know that, not only can they use my help, but the animals can use my help,” Pierce said.

Pierce added that there is a huge variety of tasks and her favorite is walking dogs because they have so much. She also socializes cats and kittens, unfolds newspapers to line the animals’ cages and washes dishes on a weekly basis. Sometimes she will even do some desk work, like organizing volunteer folders. Pierce said that she arrives at 8 a.m. on Saturdays to clean out cages.

Pierce puts in anywhere from six to 10 hours of work every week at ARF.

“I’m doing it now because I like to,” Pierce said. “It’s good use of my time,” she said.

Jeanette Horn, GCSU alumni and two-year volunteer at ARF said that they are hosting “2006 Walk for Animals” on Sept. 23 as a fundraiser for ARF. At 10 a.m., walkers meet at ARF and take a 1.2-mile walk through town with their pet.

“We rely strictly on donations,” said Horn.

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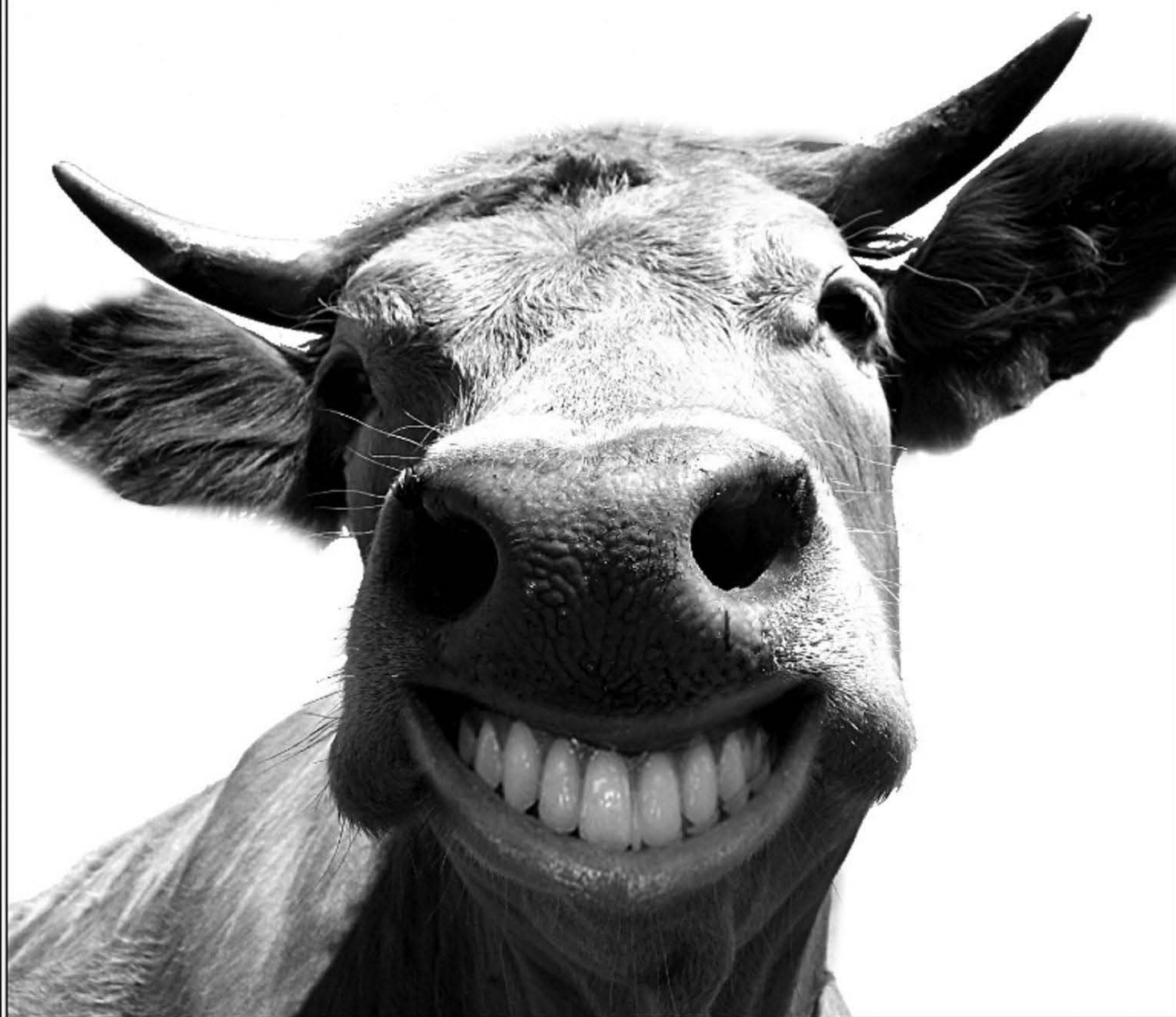
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## OUR VOICE

*Despite GCSU's high safety rating, students should be cautious*

Last Sunday, five basketball players from Duquesne University were shot and wounded on the Pittsburgh university campus. Two players suffered critical injuries while the other three players got away with minor injuries.

The incident happened in the midst of a student-union dance. A man was reportedly asked to leave from the event because of disruptive behavior. Once the man left, he ran into two basketball players who were walking near a dormitory. The three encountered each other and exchanged words.

The players attempted to calm the man down, but were shot.

Three other players who rushed to their aid were also shot. Six to 12 shots were fired at the group of players.

The gunman was not a student at the university. Several witnesses saw him leave campus after the shots were fired.

This made us wonder, if it happened to them, can it happen to us?

Duquesne University is a private Catholic institution with nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

According to the Princeton Review, Duquesne University has a life quality rating of 76. The ranks student happiness and security. On the other hand, GCSU's life quality rat-

ing is 87.

Although higher than Duquesne, the risk of crime is still available. As you can see almost any person can commit a crime. Those who are not students commit most campus crimes. It can happen any time and any place.

GCSU experienced a similar incident last year, when a student was stabbed to death by a Milledgeville resident following a bar fight.

On a different note, even though crime is ubiquitous, GCSU has favorable safety factors.

Unlike Duquesne, GCSU is in a rural atmosphere. Duquesne is located in Pittsburgh, a thriving metropolis.

The prevalence of crime is a lot lower here than it is in Pittsburgh.

But, please don't test your luck. Here are safety measurements to take every time you go out.

Always party with two or three people you know well and trust. Make sure to have a cell phone with you and know emergency numbers to call for help.

And if you are drinking, take a cab, stay overnight, or have a designated driver. Impairment lowers your ability to judge and reason and can lead to making bad decisions. Always play it safe.

## Peace in the Middle East possible even without force



BY **Joe Weissman**  
*Columnist*

After a discussion with fellow columnist Chris Pitts, we both became interested in the subject of a lasting peace in the Middle East.

I admit I was in general skeptical of the notion that it can be achieved. But, after considering the issue thoroughly, I've come up with a perspective that makes peace a possibility in a way other than through the use of force, without threats or fear. This is in contrast to the bloodthirsty Bush doctrine.

Without further ado, here are four suggestions as to the future development of America's foreign policy that I believe will allow us to offer the most effective assistance to the establishment of a lasting peace in the Middle East.

### 1) Encourage rational government.

At first, this seems like a tall order. How, indeed, are we to accomplish such a goal? The answer is simple: by exemplifying it. The reason it seems hypocritical for the U.S. to invade certain dictatorships and overthrow them is the issue of other dictatorships—such as Saudi Arabia—that receive our political and financial support!

If we are to escape our moral imperatives by abandoning logic, then we are surely doomed. But, if we acknowledge the mistakes we have made, set forth a more reasonable, collaborative course of action, then we have opened the doorways—governments will not need fear any longer to control and convince us of their authority. The international community will respect us far more when we quit acting aggressively—and suspect us far less when we start being honest about our motivations.

### 2) Encourage proportionate and just uses of military strength.

We cannot support a war against unjust violence if our own use of violence is unjust. The moral basis for our war on terrorism is founded upon America's integrity in choosing fair uses of its military. For example, we tread a thin ethical line with the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. At what point does "liberation" become domination? Once again, we must encourage proportionate responses to unpro-

voked attacks.

### 3) Encourage open-minded discussion.

Much of the Middle East conflict is a result of a refusal to hear. The possibility of peace demands an assumption which seems almost irrational at first: All behavior has a positive intention behind it. This assumption of mutual goodwill establishes credibility. Faith, in another's words, is the starting point of a dialogue. We must actively promote peace through opening the lines of communication. We must focus on what we have in common. Even if it seems that we have little more than our strict humanity, this is at least an opening. What's the best way to begin this discussion? Ask questions and do not be afraid of what you might hear, and answering questions honestly. Then, rationally and cooperatively choose and implement a plan of action.

### 4) Encourage multilateralism.

The Neoconservative War on Terror and the Islamist's jihad are both symptoms of a long-running conflict resulting from increasing globalization. In a world which increasingly seems more absurd and inhuman than personal and compassionate, it is of the utmost importance that we take concern for the well being of others just as we would care for ourselves. Throughout history, examples of such selflessness have arisen, most of which were nonpolitical (with Gandhi providing a poignant counterexample). But, the point is this: We are more connected to one another now than ever before, and at the same time, more isolated. Only by working together, taking responsibility, and encouraging real freedom can we achieve our goal. Only when our local thinking becomes global can a lasting peace even be possible. And even then, such peace can only be achieved through language.

What's the big point here? War cannot establish peace and invasion cannot create freedom. The most important step is that we must believe in peace. As Martin Luther King put it, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction. The chain reaction of evil—hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars—must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation."

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## Moderate voters face tough choices



BY **Will Thompson**  
*Columnist*

When one looks across the American political candidate board, one sees some very particular things.

In Florida, one can find a republican candidate that made comments concerning separation of church and state as being "a lie" and that God and the nation's founding fathers did not intend the country to be a nation of secular laws.

In Connecticut, Senator Joe Lieberman, a highly supported candidate, was defeated in the democratic primary due to his opponent's staunch anti-war views.

These types of situations make for great news—just ask CNN or FOX. They covered both adamantly. There is nothing that creates a better game of politics, both would tell you. One can only hope that in America we can see someone with such religious values grab hold of a Senate seat, or someone who is a democrat who doesn't support immediate withdrawal lose his party's nomination.

It shows that Americans are focused on the important issues, and parties stand behind their own values.

Or does it?

Yes, a situation such as the Iraq war is important. But is someone who adamantly demands immediately bringing our troops home truly considering America's best interests, or supporting the view of the majority of Americans? Or, for that matter, is he even considering his party's majority opinion on the subject? It's no big surprise to anyone that democrats don't support the war, but I'm more than willing

to bet the majority of them do not want to immediately pull out. Just as I'm willing to bet the majority of republicans do not support a candidate who makes such contradictory remarks concerning America's separation of church and state, even if they are Christians.

Yet, ironically enough, both of these individuals became candidates in an upcoming election.

And they're not alone.

All over America, similar "hard-line" party candidates are winning primaries. These winners are entering into the general elections, and being pitted against other hardliners, and in the end, someone is going to win.

Yes, someone is going to win, but unfortunately it won't be me. Or any of the other many moderate people that make up a majority of America's population. Either party candidate I choose to vote for comes with baggage. If I vote for a democrat because I believe in his higher minimum wage standing, I also get his hard-line stance on

legalizing gay marriages. If I vote for a republican for his belief in an increase in school funding, I also get his hard-line stance on banning abortion. This might have been alright in the past when congress members compromised on issues and listened to what the majority wanted, but apparently that's not the growing fad. There is something wrong when 82 percent of Americans in 2005 support an increase in minimum wage, yet it gets shut down due to inability to compromise.

Basically, what's happening is the minority of hard-line voters are picking hard-line candidates to represent their parties in the primary, and the majority of moderate voters are left to vote between a rock and a hard place in the elections.

So how does a majority of moderate voters solve this problem?

That's a good question...

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## Al Queda receives unwarranted rights



BY **Andrew Adams**  
*COLUMNIST*

Last week Al Qaeda won a major victory. No, their victory didn't come in Iraq or Afghanistan. Their victory came in the United States Senate and was carried out by Senators who broke precedent by extending the Geneva Convention Article III to Al Qaeda terrorists.

The Geneva Convention is one of the best foreign treaties that America ever entered into. Created in 1849, it has spared the lives

of many on and off the battlefield. However, Geneva Convention rights don't apply to everyone and never were meant to. The article in question before the Senate was Article III which defines prisoner of war and the conditions one may live in while detained. Since Al Qaeda soldiers do not belong to a nation, they do not qualify under clearly defined terms as prisoners of war.

One of the biggest problems with this bill is according to Article III, "Prisoners of war who refuse to answer [questions from military] may not be threatened, insulted or exposed to unpleasant or disadvantageous treatment of any kind." This presents a moral quandary for our soldiers. On one hand, the soldiers will have to follow the Geneva Convention and will be unable to interrogate them. On the other hand, they will have to

uphold their duties of protecting America and must interrogate them. How does the United States Senate expect our military to perform their job of preventing attacks when they have lost one of their most important resources for stopping attacks?

Let's take a hypothetical situation. A family member of yours was just killed by a savage group. You have in custody someone from this group that knows where future attacks will take place. It's very possible that if this savage group is able to attack again it may lead to the death of other people in your family. Wouldn't you be willing to allow that murderer an "unpleasant or disadvantageous treatment" if it meant that you could gain information to save those you love?

This isn't an issue of human rights; it's not even an issue of retaliation. The

only issue here is life and death, and not of terrorists' but of us. Any one of us could have been on the wrong plane or in the wrong building on Sept. 11, 2001. These terrorists that are being detained aren't poor, misguided souls. They are cold-blooded killers. We have to stop them or they will attack again.

We talk about making sure that detained Al Qaeda terrorists have suitable conditions and rights. And heaven forbid that we don't give them freedoms allocated to a prisoner of war. But my question is, where were the Geneva Convention rights for 2,973 Americans that died on Sept. 11?

What rights did Al Qaeda give them?

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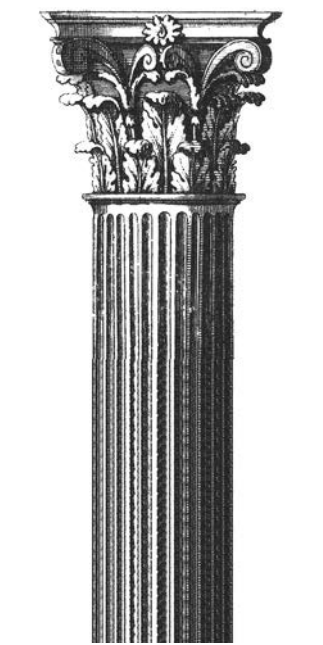
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hispanic Heritage Month about history, culture

Dear Editor,

Although I was adopted, I have felt a deep connection with Hispanics, like myself. Something I could never shake. However, when I realized that I had no material to go by to show which Hispanics made what contributions to American society. I was ashamed. I knew, and I still know nothing.

For once in my life, I was ashamed to be a Hispanic, not really knowing anything about Hispanic culture. I like to salsa dance, listen to meringue and reggaeton on occasion.

I've visited Mexico on a study abroad a few years ago. Costa Rica is my birth country, so I felt like I was in a familiar place, but afar away place. I even took four years of Spanish in college! I still didn't know what Hispanic Heritage month meant to me.

That is until I mentioned a few times to other people that I wish I were white. Then I wouldn't be asked if I was American. I wouldn't be "randomly" searched at the Atlanta Airport every single time I flew somewhere. Somehow, that did not fit well with my white family members and friends.

They all want thick black hair like mine. They would rather have a permanent tan like mine. They want to look Hispanic. Hispanic people are the most beautiful people, so I have heard numerous times.

Is this our only contribution though? Just our skin tone and hair color? Because Hispanics come in many shapes, colors and sizes.

The Spanish language is one of the top three languages, from which American English is derived. Words like mesa, taco and Corona have crept into our vocabulary without realizing it. Salsa means much more than a chip dip nowadays. And, who can forget a name like Selena, even if we never listened to her music?

What would Antonio Banderas say about the contributions that Hispanics have given to American society? Would he say that it's time that Hispanics stop being cast as the dumb ones in movies? Then proceed to say that Hispanics are not American Indians, nor are they Asian, so stop casting them as such as well?

If Hollywood's view of Hispanics is negative, then certainly the American public's view of Hispanic culture and contributions is negative. So why have a Hispanic Heritage month at all?

Maybe we have a Hispanic Heritage month to celebrate the fact that it was Spain who was the country that commissioned the bumbling Italian seafarer, Christopher Columbus (Cristobal Colón in Spanish) to find a new route to India. Of course we all know what that led to. And if it wasn't for King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella's idea to find a new sailing route to India, so Spain could be a competitive trade nation, none of us would be here.

That is the biggest contribution of all for America.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Calbos  
Political Science  
Senior

Democrats and Republicans come in all shapes and sizes

Dear Editor,

To the Joe Weissmans on campus, let us begin with the fact that not all Republicans, nor for that matter, all democrats, are in the molds you so carefully built for them. As a republican of some 56 years, I am affronted at your invective. First, I would have you study the political history of both parties. Then, read something that isn't written by your favorite liberal press, author or instructor.

Remember, there are a heck of a lot more people devoted to the Democratic Party than there are corporations in love with the republicans. As far as faith-based individuals and organizations are concerned, they and the Democratic Party are those who take care of the people that are in need, so where do you think the votes come from? If you don't vote my way, your income

will be reduced, your checks will stop coming. So stop your invective, get involved in local politics and learn what the truth is. If you have the courage of your convictions.

Sincerely,  
Jim Lenahan,  
Republican  
Conservative  
Atheist

**CORRECTION:**

In the article titled "Requirements to walk may change" about commencement, the AGC did not form an ad hoc committee, but rather created an Information Gathering Group (IGG). Ad hoc committees require registration from the University Senate, whereas IGGs do not.

In the same article, the Vice President for Institutional Research and Enrollment Management is incorrectly referred to as Paul Thomas. His correct name Paul Jones

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The Bobcat Beat

"If students were restricted from living in the downtown district, how would you be affected?"



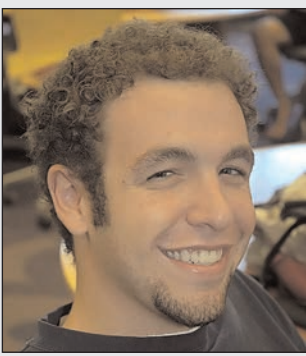
"For students that come back from a fraternity or downtown, they can't just walk. It's not safe."

Bethany Williams  
Freshman  
International Business



"If you're here at school you should be able to choose where you live. I don't think they should have extra rules just because you're here."

Amaad Tatum  
Sophomore  
Software



"I don't have any place to stay after an exciting night downtown. It would be useful if I had a friend living downtown. I have to walk all the way home."

Forrest Brooks  
Senior  
Business Management



"I live on campus, so I mean, to me, it wouldn't make much of a difference. Most of my friends don't live downtown."

Japi Hamakowa  
Freshman  
International Business

Beat Reported by Brittany Thomas

THE LITTER BOX

ColonnadeVent - Instant Message

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How come anytime I go into the bathroom by the Colonnade, there is always an edition in the stall? It should be renamed the Stallinade.

It never fails: When you're on a schedule and need to get into a computer lab, there'll always be a class using it.

Yeah, call Mark Zuckerbug a stupid imbecile. I mean, all he did was create the 7th most visited site on the web, one of the most popular sites for college students, and probably your favorite site.

I haven't seen my oh-so-scary roommate in over a week. I don't mean to be insensitive, but she better not be dead. I absolutely don't have time for dead-roommate drama this week.

Where's another holiday when you need it?

I am officially apart of GCSU now. I own a MAC!

Do you know what really bunches my shorts? Its when you are having a SUPER time or walking along minding your own DADGUM business, and someone comes out of nowhere and scares the bajezzus out of you. You're having a super time thinking super thoughts when someone just POPS up and scares you half to death. That is bad, but, voiding your bladder while clothed because of such a fright is much more serious. People need to be much more careful about how they approach others. IF people are more respectful of others' sensitivities; we might all be able to have a SUPER DUPER time!

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# What's Happening?

## September 22 - September 28

Friday, September 22

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.

8 p.m.

Sex and the City Marathon, Pine Lounge,

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24

Monday, September 25

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbridge Hall

12:30 p.m.

International Business Club, 206 Atkinson Hall

12:30 p.m.

University Senate, A&S 2-72

3 - 5:30 p.m.

Venture Out! Tree Climbing Clinic, Front Campus

8 p.m.

Federation of Christian Athletes (FCA) Huddle Meeting, Pine Lounge in Student Activities Center

Tuesday, September 26

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbride Hall

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TeachGeorgia -- Get Informed!, MSU Dining Hall

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Faculty Brown-Bag Lunch with President Leland, Bobcat Dining Room

5 - 6 p.m.

Women's Resource Center Volunteer Collective, MSU 143

7:30 p.m.

Play: It Might Be Expired- Live!, A&S Auditorium

8 p.m.

BCM Synergy, Magnolia Room

8 p.m.

Staged Reading: Gary Sunshine, A&S Auditorium

Wednesday, September 27

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbride Hall

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Town & Gown Arts Series: "Tibet: Magical Land of Spiritual Wonders, Marlor Arts Center

6 - 8 p.m.

Career Center Wonderful Wednesdays: Resume & Career, Bobcat Village Clubhouse

5 p.m.

SIFE Meeting, Atkinson Hall 208

6 p.m.

A.N.G.E.L.S, Blackbird Coffee Shop

7 p.m.

Campus Outreach: 180, Peabody Auditorium

7 p.m.

Wesley House, MSU Lounge

8 p.m.

Psychopathia Sexualis, Russell Auditorium

8:30 p.m.

International Club Meeting, A&S 2-72

Thursday, September 28

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

John Culver's Exhibition Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise, Blackbride Hall

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Town & Gown Arts Series: "Tibet: Magical Land of Spiritual Wonders, Marlor Arts Center

12 p.m.

Fiction Reading: Renee Dodd, A&S Auditorium

3 p.m.

CETL Teaching Tips, 115 Beeson Hall

5 p.m.

Cuban Hip Hop with Dr. Michele Reid, Museum Education Room

# Public Safety Report

**Fireworks found in Bobcat Village apartment**  
exposed his genital area while fondling himself. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler.

**Suspicious man gives fake name to hide warrants**  
On Sept. 18, at 8 p.m. Officer Gaines observed two suspicious males on front campus. Officer Gaines followed the men to the fountain area and made contact with the individuals. A check through GCIC determined that one of the males had given a false name and date of birth. The real name of the individual was determined and it was revealed that the individual had warrants through Baldwin County. The warrants were verified and the man was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office for processing. The other male involved was released from the scene.

**For a change, a female caught urinating in public**  
On Sept. 15, at approximately 2:07 a.m. Officer Williams observed a female urinating in the parking lot of Ennis Hall. Contact was made with the female who appeared to be intoxicated. The young woman was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Public Drunkenness.

**Statues stolen, found beside another porch**  
On Sept. 14, a young man reported that two decorative concrete lions were taken from his residence located on West Thomas Street. The lions were later recovered at a residence on West Thomas Street sitting beside a porch. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler.

**Student suffers allergic reaction, gets treatment**  
On Sept. 14, at 8:32 p.m. Officer Gaines was dispatched to Adams Hall in reference to a female student having an allergic reaction. EMS also responded and advised the young woman to seek medical attention. One of her friends transported her to Oconee Regional Medical Center.

**Best. Report. Ever.**  
On Sept. 16, a female student reported that a white male in a light blue Honda Civic, which was parked in the depot lot, had called her over to his vehicle and then

**Vehicle statistics as of 9/19/06**  
  
TOTAL CARS REGISTERED – 3,351  
STUDENT CARS REGISTERED – 2,917  
EMPLOYEE CARS REGISTERED – 434  
  
TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED – 423  
EMPLOYEE - 34  
STUDENT – 389

*Information compiled by Jessica Murphy, with statistics provided by Greg Brown, manager of the Department of Parking and Transportation*



# - THE SGA NEWSFEED -

Computer games are becoming more popular in and around the technological world. As a matter of fact, many college students enjoy a good game of Wolfenstein every now and again. So, why doesn't GCSU have a Computer Gamers club? Well, as of Wednesday at 1p.m., the great university of Georgia College does. The GCSU Computer Gamers became an official Recognized Student Organization (RSO) during the SGA meeting this past Wednesday. Besides giving money to the students of GCSU and answering the questions and concerns of the students, SGA also makes groups of people with common interests into official organizations that are recognized. This week SGA also approved the GCSU Choral Ensemble as a RSO, as well as Art as an Agent for Change (AAC) and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity as Recognized Student Organizations. Before approving these groups as official RSO's, SGA asks a series of questions to the group and then takes a vote on weather or not to make these groups RSO's. This week, all four groups were approved. For more information dealing with any of the three newly Recognized Student Organizations, please email the contacts of each. For the GC&SU Computer Gamers, email chad.mcdonald@gcsu.edu. C o n t a c t Paul\_grigsby@ecats.gcsu.edu for Art as an Agent for Change, Jeremy\_skidmore@ecats.gcsu.edu for the GCSU Choral Ensemble, and email bschan1234@yahoo.com concerning questions for the new Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. As President Pro Tem Loman Martin says, "It is always exciting to bring groups that want to be active at GC&SU to SGA."

- Submitted by Ryan

# ...Now Hear This...

Napier Hall Ninja's Announce Spirit Week!  
~\* Spirit week is September 25th-29th \*~  
We will be dressing up for the day and night  
Monday is Pajama Day with a Spa Relaxation Program at 7 p.m.  
Tuesday is Toga Day  
Wednesday is GCSU/Green & Blue Day—Ninjas, come show your support for GCSU Bobcat Soccer at 7 p.m.  
Thursday is 20th Century Decade Day  
Friday is Ninja Day/Napier T-Shirts—help with moving residents into Bell Hall  
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# Did you know?...Auxiliary Services QuickFacts

There are 3,660 parking spaces on campus, yet only 3,338 permits have been issued.



## MaCuba kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month at GCSU

BY **Jamie Fleming**  
AND **Josh Fulmer**

Percussive Latin rhythms made Front Campus *un poco caliente* on Sept. 14 as Orchestra MaCuba kicked off GCSU's observation of National Hispanic Heritage Month with a salsa concert.

The event, which was coordinated by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, provided students with an opportunity to experience

the music and dance of Latin America and the Caribbean. MaCuba singer Eddie Lopez enjoys exposing audiences to Latin culture through the band's music.

"It's nice to bring culture to universities; it's always a pleasure to work with these kinds of venues, especially with students," Lopez said. "That way they get a flavor of what Latin music is all about. A lot of times people have certain ideas of what 'Latin' should sound like. Quite frankly, Latin is a

genre of a lot of things. We're really happy that what we bring is kind of a flavor of everything."

MaCuba, whose members hail from several Latin American, South American and Caribbean countries as well as the United States, consists of a keyboard, percussion instruments, congas, a trombone and trumpet, a bass guitar and several vocalists.

Perhaps those most excited about the campus' dose of culture are the faculty of the Modern Foreign

Language Department.

"We're happy that students are starting to mingle with international students," Anisio dos Santos, Spanish professor, said.

Chakib Tlassellal, a graduate student from Morocco, said that events like the concert are good for the campus community.

"I like salsa music. We need (an event like) this once a week, Tlassellal said

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LATIN on page 11*



Photo by Gertjan van Veldhuizen  
Spanish international student Maria Martin (right) instructs fellow students on the Nuances of Latin dance on Front Campus



Photo by Brittany Thomas

Professor of music Greg Pepetone performs four of Mozart's sonatas in "Mozart Abroad" on September 11 in Max Noah Hall.

## Pepetone honors Mozart's legacy

BY **Eric Jones**

His fingers danced atop the keys with pinpoint precision, while the rest of him sat straight and silent. His head bobbed slightly with the high notes, and audience members in the front row kept tempo with their feet. "Mozart Abroad," a collection of four of Mozart's sonatas, was performed in the Max Noah Recital Hall on Sept. 11 by Professor of Music Gregory Pepetone. The house was full to capacity with students and faculty.

Lending an air of humor to an otherwise somber 9/11 evening, Pepetone wore a purple dress shirt

and tie and received a pleasant laugh from the crowd when his piano chair was too short. He shrugged and smiled in his dignified manner. "Best laid plans and all," Pepetone said, swapping the chairs and beginning the show.

In his opening speech on the importance of Mozart's music, now two hundred and fifty years old, Pepetone contrasted the optimism of Mozart's music with the tragedy of the terrorist attacks. "We live in a world of sham art, sham politics," Pepetone said, and talked about the response of society that either gets so fed up with the hypocrisy and the terror

and becomes cynical and untrusting or denies the truth and pretends that everything is okay. "Mozart is one of those rare individuals who offers us a third way. He is a profound optimist."

According to Pepetone, Mozart's optimism allowed him to face the difficult times in which he lived as an "idealist without illusions." He was always looking for something better and taking every step, in his art, to bring that better world to his own. "He was not a revolutionary," Pepetone said. "He was content to accept the world as it was. We don't have that much anymore."

During the recital, students scribbled notes in their books, passed drawings back and forth, and a few worked on their homework, but none could deny that they were enthralled by the music. Elizabeth Currier, a junior early childhood education major, congratulated Pepetone after the show along with a group of friends.

"I just want to say that the music was beautiful," she said.

Pepetone acknowledges that the music is not to everyone's tastes.

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MOZART on page 11*

## Lola Haskins gives emotional performance

BY **Katie Huston**

Acclaimed poet and writer, Lola Haskins dazzled a crowd of faculty and students in the Arts and Sciences Auditorium Sept. 12 with her heartfelt verse and touching stories.

Haskins is the author of "Desire Lines: New and Selected Poems," excerpts from which she read Tuesday. Her numerous accomplished works have appeared in several different publications including The Christian Science Monitor and The London Review of Books.

Haskin's visit was part of the creative writing program's Visitor Writer's Series. Dr. Martin Lammon is part of the group that meets and decides who to bring in a year in advance. Lammon has known Haskins for 15 years and has always loved her work.

"She's someone I've wanted to bring to campus for a long time. I've always been fascinated," Lammon said.

Fears of a low turnout were quickly put to rest as the audience shuffled in.

"I was very satisfied and amazed at how many people were there," Lammon said. "Because of the university's mission, there's more expectation for students to attend these cultural events and appreciate them."

Nicole Brooks, a sophomore mass communication

major was in attendance at the reading.

"It was pretty packed. It was a lot different than I thought it would be, I'd never been to a professional poetry reading," Brooks said.

The slender frame of Haskins, masked by the subtlety of her black dress, created a façade of modesty for the poet, that is until she spoke.

"You could tell she was very passionate about what she does, obviously, she was experienced," Brooks said.

Haskins did not read her lines from paper; she recited her poetry from memory as if speaking right from her heart. She invited the crowd into her life and spoke on a direct, personal level.

Brittany Sansom, a sophomore creative writing major attended the reading after listening to Haskins in her Intermediate Creative Writing class.

"I had chills, it was really cool. She was very intimate," Sansom said. "I know about her life just from her poetry."

Haskins shared personal stories about her family and growing up. She spoke of her interest in playing the piano and of unknowingly assisting a burglar steal her television.

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POETRY on page 11*

## Movie Review: Snakes on a Plane are no match for Sammy L

BY **Eric Jones**

Wouldn't it be great if terrorists weren't just like snakes, but actually were snakes! And what if they tried taking over a plane, but Samuel L. Jackson was on it?

That's a great idea, and it could be released around 9/11 so that everyone who wanted to be patriotic, but not be sent on three hour guilt trip for their own humanity, could go see it. We could call it Snakes on a Plane and it would be social commentary on how all different stereotypes have

to work together to thwart the terrorists -- I mean snakes.

Should the snakes wear turbans?

No, that's going overboard. But we'll digitally draw the snakes in and have them lash out at the camera a lot. This will provoke jumps and screams in the audience, which is always good for couples because it will draw them closer to one another. That's sweet. And make sure that we include a scene where a snake grapples a man's genitalia and mangles it. This will be female empowering.

We need exposition, but we don't want to use shameless stereotypes like Middle Eastern Muslims who try to bring down Air Force One. That premise has been way overdone. We'll use a Korean crime syndicate. They decide to kill a witness by planting hormone-induced snakes on the plane to bring it down. That's something they would do because Korean guys like snakes and crime and stuff. So it's believable, and we don't get pestered by any activist types. Did I mention that we'll only

use computer-generated snakes? People can't tell the difference anyway.

We need other actors too.

No we don't. We've got Samuel L. Jackson. We'll just take a bunch of film school grads and dress them up as passengers. We need a pretentious rap artist who's horny as all-get-out but is germ phobic when it comes to little kids and snakes. This way we get to see him freak out when he sees the snakes, and we also get to see him hit on the white chick. Young men within our target demographic

will like that, and it will teach them a lesson. There is no germ exchange during sexual intercourse.

We also need a snob-by British guy. He'll die rather quickly because if he works with the Americans to defeat the snake terrorists it'll ruin our entire metaphor. We can't imply that Americans need help from other countries. Especially the British.

You're right. We'll give him the worst death possible.

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SNAKES on page 11*



Jones

Latin:

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Senior nursing and biology major Alicia Rodgers agrees that the university should host more events like the salsa concert. “I really enjoyed it,” Rodgers said. “I recommend we do it more, like two or three times a semester.” Spanish professor Lenor Lobon, who offered bonus points to students who were in attendance, said events

like the concert make students more receptive to other cultures. “(The students) kind of lose that fear of the Hispanic and Spanish world,” Lobon said. “It’s something beyond the classroom; it’s not just your professor talking. It’s spoken language and rhythm and dance- things that we cannot bring into the classroom.” Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Allia Carter coordinated the event. “I tried to make it a little different than what you can

get in a classroom setting,” Carter said. “Many times we try to make it interactive, fun and entertaining, and it’s just a way to expose a person to a different culture.” National observation of Hispanic culture began in 1968 and was expanded to the month of Sept.15- Oct. 15 in 1988. The concert is the first in a series of events in observance of the month at GCSU, which also includes the film “Al otro Lado” (To the other side) and a lecture by Dr. Michele Reid of Georgia State University about

Cuban hip-hop and the Latin influence on hip-hop culture. “I think (that) being an academic institution, it’s important (that) we become globally aware of other ethnic groups, not just internationally, but the American ethnic groups that represent diverse populations here,” Carter said. “Although we may not have a large population of Latino students here at GCSU, our events are coordinated for the majority to understand the minority.”



Photo by Josh Fulmer  
MaCuba percussionist provides Latin rhythm on conga drums.



Photo by Shelley Watson  
Lola Haskins recites her poems from memory for the audience in the Arts & Science Auditorium.

Poetry:

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On a most intimate level, she spoke of heartbreak. Her piece entitled “38” was strikingly effective. It took her over 30 years to write. Breaking her routine of reciting from memory, Haskins read from her paper, often grasping the podium as she spoke. Her interaction with the audience was perfectly fit-

ting and her stage presence was confident. At times she would tilt her head to one side and sway back and forth. “She really worked the stage with her subtle theatrics,” Sansom said. “She’s gracefully melodic. Her voice and her mannerisms as a whole were just interesting.” The relaxed environment added to the experience for Brooks. She heard about the evening from a professor and went for the extra credit. She has no regrets

about her attendance. “It was very personal. I think poetry is music,” Brooks said. Lammon said that more students are coming to these kinds of events because they are being encouraged to. “I think it reflected well on the school,” Lammon said. As a creative writing major, Sansom had a special interest in Haskin’s performance. “Her perfected craft is something that writers, par-

ticularly poets and people who have to speak in crowds, can really respect and admire,” Sansom said. “It makes me look at my own stuff and it’s just enlightening.” Brooks walked away from the evening looking back with positive thoughts. “My favorite part overall is that she liked to talk about herself,” Brooks said. “It lets us get to know her as a person so we could know where the poems came from.”

Mozart:

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“Mozart is an acquired taste,” Pepetone later said in his office, “He doesn’t have the immediacy of appeal that Beethoven and Chopin have.” Nonetheless Pepetone admitted that in periods of his own life he would find himself turning back to Mozart rather than his contemporaries. “There’s a balance, in Mozart’s music, between the ideal and the real,” Pepetone said. To Pepetone, Mozart isn’t just a musical score or even beautiful music. He called it an “unfolding drama. You have characters and conflicts that have to

be resolved. I think that the similarities between the thespian art and the art of music interpretation are very many.” Consequently, no two Mozart recitals are the same. “With Mozart there’s more need for interpretation,” Pepetone said. “It’s easy to ignore the dramatic undercurrents of the music and simply treat it as a piano problem.” Pepetone rarely listens to Mozart sonatas anymore. He doesn’t need too. The sonatas are in his fingers, in his head. He’s been “programming” himself for these sonatas for two years; first learning the notes, then refining and refining. Now he’s ready to sit in Mozart’s chair for a series of recitals, the last of which

will be performed on Feb. 25, and will showcase the last four sonatas Mozart wrote before his death in Vienna. Pepetone’s final edict was from France Hubert’s “Mozartiana” and reflects his own resounding view of the man and the music, “What a picture of a better world you have given us, Mozart.”



Mozart

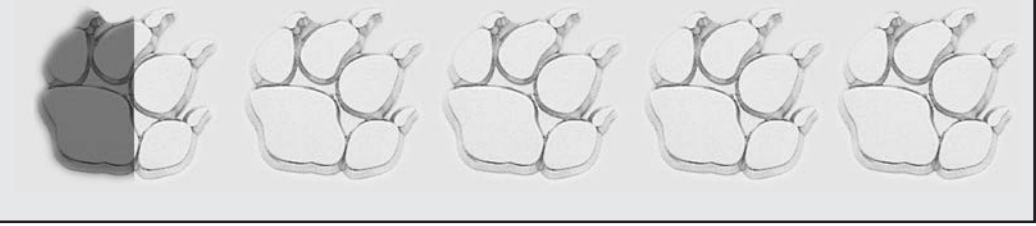
Snakes

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This is great stuff, but do you think that Samuel L. Jackson can carry this ensemble cast and its patriotic message alone? Only if he uses the f-word throughout the movie. And if we make him more sentimental by having the snakes kill his partner. Then it becomes personal, you see. He should even get a little

teary-eyed when it happens so that people see the true heart and soul of American heroes. Who didn’t get a little teary-eyed on 9/11? Then he’ll rally everyone together and they’ll stop the snakes! How? By stacking luggage in the doorways, of course. Snakes hate luggage. But they can’t do it before the snakes get to the pilots and kill them so that Samuel L. Jackson has to land the plane. Wait a minute. The American people have to do some-

thing. We’ll have Kenan Thompson land the plane. He’s a young American who plays video games a lot. We want our target demographic to feel that we think playing video games is a quality skill-building pastime, just like flying a plane or pressing ‘fire missile’ buttons for the army. Okay. Hey, how many Paws do you think Snakes on a Plane will get in this week’s edition of Georgia College and State University’s The Colonnade? Five. Not a doubt in my mind.



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# SPORTS

## The Sports Guy

By Wes Brown



*Water ski club makes regionals*

Last weekend marked the last weekend of the summer, but if you still want to soak up some final summer rays there is still a chance. Get in your car and head down Highway 441 towards McIntyre to Culpepper Lake and support the GCSU Water Ski team.

Last Saturday, the team hosted its fall tournament and placed fourth, trailing third-place Auburn by 10 points. The team, which belongs to the South Atlantic Collegiate Water-ski Conference, plays against marquis schools such as, University of Alabama, Auburn University and Clemson University.

The teams compete in three categories: slalom, trick and jump. Slalom is water-skiing on one ski over a winding and zigzag course marked by poles or gates. Trick is characterized by the skier's ability to complete certain stunts. Jump is measured by how far a skier can jump off a ramp. Each category is awarded a certain amount of points. At the end of the tournament, the points are totaled for each team and the one with the most points wins.

The team of over a dozen members travels to Clemson next weekend for Team Trials. The team has already qualified for regionals on Sept. 30 in Florida. If GCSU does well, they will qualify for nationals on Oct. 12-14 in California.

"It is not your normal club," Men's Captain Jason Long said. "The team is more friends than teammates. We have a good time and love to ski. We receive minimal help from the school [administration], but we have the talent and deserve to be in nationals."

If the team makes nationals they need a lot of help to raise the money to make the trip to California. The team needs all the support they can get. The stunts they pull and the talents they have are truly remarkable and unreal. Don't waste the remaining bit of summer left inside, go out and support our water-skiers.

If you have any comments about this column please send a response to [colonnadesports@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadesports@gcsu.edu).

## Burnett busts loose against Lander



BY A.J. Foss

Freshman midfielder Lyric Burnett scored the first hat trick in school history as the GCSU women's soccer team defeated Lander University 5-0 Sept. 14 at Bobcat Field at West Campus.

Burnett came off the bench in the second half to score three goals on three shots in only eight minutes for the hat trick, and to set the school record for most goals in a single game. The win pushed the Lady Bobcats' unbeaten streak to four games and improved their record to 3-1-1, and 1-0-1 in the Peach Belt Conference.

Coach Robert Parr said he was happy for Bennett's

performance because she was able to break out of the slow start that she had in the previous four matches. Burnett had zero goals on eight shots prior to the match with Lander.

"She has had plenty of opportunities in our earlier matches this season, but has just missed the finishing touch," Parr said. "So (the hat trick) gives her a boost of confidence for her to know she's got that finishing touch back in."

Bennett's teammates enjoyed the fact that after each goal, Burnett celebrated by pretending to twirl a lasso over her head.

"Coach Parr said you need to celebrate (when you score a goal) and that was the first thing that

popped in my head," Burnett said.

Burnett came into the game during the second half after the Lady Bobcats built a 2-0 lead thanks to two goals by sophomore midfielder Hayley Ferrell. A breakaway pass set up Jamie Nevin Ferrell's first goal from freshman forward and the second goal came off a rebound from a shot on goal.

"Jaime sent me a good ball on the first goal, which was very unselfish, and I was right in front of the ball," Ferrell said. "On the second goal, the ball came right to my foot."

The offensive outburst was due, in part, to the Lady Bobcats taking 27 shots against Lander, two



Photos by Brett McLaughlin

Left: Freshman Lyric Burnett races down the field to score against Lander University. Burnett came off the bench in the second half to score three goals, the first hat trick in GCSU history. Top: Burnett celebrates after scoring one of her three goals. Her teammates call Burnett "Lasso," because she waves her finger in the air after each time she scores a goal.

more shots than the Lady Bobcats have averaged in the previous four matches.

"In practice, we have been really working on the offensive side lately and our main objective is to score," Ferrell said.

The Lady Bobcats' win was also the fourth consecutive match in which they did not allow their opponents to score. Lander took only 12 shots during the entire match. The Lady Bobcats have not allowed a goal since their first match, in which they allowed four goals.

"Our team defensive unit has improved a lot this season because it was a weak spot for us last season," Parr said.

The Lady Bobcats

picked up three points in the conference standings for their win over Lander, which was the second match in a five-game stretch of PBC teams the Lady Bobcats have to face.

The stretch began on Sept. 8 with a 0-0 tie against USC Aiken and concludes with a matchup with USC Upstate today at 7 p.m. and a showdown with defending PBC regular season co-champion Columbus State University at home next Wednesday.

"Every time you can get a win in conference, it's huge," Parr said. "And it helps make up for the fact we dropped a couple of points in last match."

## Rothenberg grounded by intense operation

BY Renato Oliveira

Meghan Rothenberg, the Lady Bobcats' starting goalkeeper, is out of the fields indefinitely, due to an intense intestinal blockage surgery.

The GCSU women's soccer team (3-1-1 overall) will not count on the sophomore under the goal for the important upcoming conference games. Rothenberg, a psychology major from Knoxville, Tenn., is recovering from last week's operation.

According to Rothenberg, her dolorous days started when she had an appendectomy on Memorial Day, three months ago. Because of where it was removed, scar tissue automatically forms after surgery.

"My scar tissue started forming around my small intestines, which I was unaware of," Rothenberg said. "So what I thought to be complaining of a small stomach ache all day and at practices, then turned into extreme pain, which placed me in the emergency room at 2 a.m. Tuesday (Aug. 29) morning."

Rothenberg's painful nightmare was not even close to an end. As she went back to the emergency room on Friday, Sept. 1, seeking treatment,

the nurse told her that the news would not be pleasant.

"So while the nurses are pushing a tube through my nose, down my throat, into my stomach, which is the worst pain I had experienced up to that point, the doctor comes in and tells me that I have an intestinal blockage and he must operate on me immediately," Rothenberg said.

Sept. 1, Labor Day, was the date of Rothenberg's complex intestinal blockage operation. She spent her holiday under the knife and the five following days in pain and hungry.

"I was kept in the hospital for five days, and was not allowed to eat food for three of them," Rothenberg said.

Rothenberg is going to go through a long recovery period and cannot exercise for four weeks after surgery. She is not allowed to lift anything over five pounds for the same amount of time.

GCSU Soccer Head Coach Robert Parr knows Rothenberg's importance for the team, but does not want to rush her recovery process.

"She is a great goalkeeper. Meghan, along with all of our keepers, was being prepared to play this year's season. I do not really

know when she will be able to play again," Parr said. "Hopefully soon; she was doing an impressive job on our first games. By losing Meghan, we lose a little bit of leadership on this team, even though she is only a freshman."

Teammates were shocked with Rothenberg's sudden intestinal surgery and are doing their best to keep up her self-esteem.

"Meghan is a good leader in our team. She has a strong presence on the field," said junior left back Alex Stover. "We (the team) are being very supportive with Meghan. We have been doing everything we can to keep her motivated."

Rothenberg is also confident of her, hopefully, rapid recuperation and cannot wait to be back on the soccer fields for the Lady Bobcats.

"I have had so much support from all my teammates, coaches, trainers, friends and family that I should recover better than I was," Rothenberg said. "I plan to come back as soon as I possibly can. I need my teammates and I want to be back out with them as soon as my body lets me do that."



Photo by Brett McLaughlin

Sophomore Meghan Rothenberg was favored to start as goalkeeper at the beginning of the season, but is benched indefinitely due to intense intestinal blockage surgery.

## THE SHORT STOP

### KEY GAMES

#### Cross Country:

Sat. @Roy Griak Invitational  
Minneapolis, MN

#### Golf:

Mon-Tue. @Coker College  
Coker Invitational

#### Women's Soccer:

Fri. 7 p.m. @USC Upstate\*  
Wed. 7 p.m. Columbus State\*  
Fri. 7 p.m. North Alabama

\* denotes PBC games

### STAT of the WEEK

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The number of goals freshman Lyric Burnett scored in two games, including GCSU's first ever hat trick in school history.

# Cross Country team blows by Oglethorpe for 2nd straight year

**BY Devin Vernick**

Coming off strong victories two Saturdays ago at the North Georgia Challenge, the men's and women's cross country teams continued to show their strength Saturday at the Oglethorpe Invitational. Each team took first place, with each of its top runners having to endure what was a strenuous race.

The Oglethorpe course was composed of narrow woodland trails, hard concrete and many steep hills. All of which can pose a threat to even the most seasoned runners.

Richard Dobson, GCSU's top runner and the overall first place finisher at the Invitational, met the challenge head-on.

"Any endurance sport is about your body's ability to cope with pain. It is tough coping with the physical and mental strain cross country puts on your body. This was a real tough course. Some guys were puking, some had to stop and DQ [disqualify] themselves because of tiredness or a sprained ankle," Dobson said.

The GCSU teams pushed forward despite the obstacles. Sophomore Alex Pate finished the race despite sustaining an injury.

"On the second mile, I sprained my ankle and I didn't know if I could fin-

ish. After I kept going, the pain went away. I was able to finish the race," Pate said.

Jennifer Keeton, a junior and top five runner on the women's team believed the course to be a bit rocky.

"Time wise, I was slower than the week before, but it was a hilly course," Keeton said. "Hills can really slow you down."

The men's team has enjoyed its stellar performances, and they find themselves riding a current hot streak. The team has not always been such a competitor.

"As a team we came in first," Dobson said. "It was really good to win that race [for the second time]. We are 2-0 right now, which feels great because that doesn't happen too often."

Along with the men, the women's team has done exceptionally well, winning two out of the last three meets.

"We run well together. There's friendly competition between us and that motivates us to work harder. When one of us goes faster, the other goes faster too," Keeton said when asked about the chemistry on the women's team.

Both teams have high expectations for the remainder of the season, hoping to continue winning and improving until the Peach Belt Conference meet, which determines the

conference champion. With several meets remaining, the Bobcats will continue to have an opportunity to improve and prepare themselves for conference. Last season saw the Bobcats finishing 6th overall in the Peach Belt Conference; a higher finish is what these athletes have their sights set on this season.

"The team needs to be training with conference in mind. We want to peak at conference, not at any of our next meets. You want to run your best race to be at conference, so that we can qualify for the regional championship," Dobson said.

A strong finish at conference will earn a chance to compete in the region championship, putting the Bobcats within reach of potentially qualifying for the Division II National Championship; a goal Dobson believes is feasible.

The men's team travels to Minnesota this weekend to compete in the Roy Griak Invitational. The women will compete again two weeks from now along with the GCSU men in the Georgia Collegiate Championships, in Macon.

"If you have never experienced a cross country meet, it is worth it. We run Sept. 30 in Macon, so come see what it's all about," Keeton said.



Photo by Shelley Watson  
Sophomore Joey Shackelford, and junior Michael Hague run a 45-minute course for practice last week to prepare for the Oglethorpe invitational in Atlanta. Hague came in second with a time of 30:10. GCSU placed first in the invitational for the second straight year.

## THE FLAG FOOTBALL COMMANDMENTS

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